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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No: 09/678,457

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Examiner: I.C. CINTINS

Title: DEVICE FOR REGENERATING AN ION EXCHANGE CARTRIDGE

Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 4, 2002,
Applicant would like to make the following remarks under the
provisions of 37 C.F.R.1.116:

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as
anticipated by Scholer is considered to lack merit.

Scholer is not considered to teach or even suggest the device
defined by even claim 9, the most generic claim.

Unlike in the device defined by Claim 9, in the device of
Scholer the restriction (spring-loaded valve 49) is not situated in
the flow path of the regenerating solution situated between the
outlet (46) of the reservoir (regenerant container 22) and the
outlet (28) of the chamber (16) holding the exchange material